



<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

APPLICANT:

Jeffrey M. Friedman-et al.

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EXAMINER:

Draper, G.

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FOR

DB, THE RECEPTOR FOR LEPTIN, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE RECEPTOR, AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 20, 2000, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for five months, to and including July 20, 2000, accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 49-50 without prejudice.

Please add the following claim:

--73. The method of any of Claims 67-70 wherein the oligonucleotide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, SEQ ID NO: